

**Notice of Intent to Apply for Coverage Under MS4 General Permit
WPDES Permit No. WI-S050075**

Form 3400-NNN (R 2/06)

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Instructions: Complete the following for all permit applications. If additional space is needed to respond to a question, attach additional pages. Provide descriptions below that explain the program activities that you expect to develop and implement to comply with the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) general permit (<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/wm/nps/stormwater/muni.htm>). Section 3 of the MS4 general permit contains the compliance schedules that direct when the individual program activities need to be developed and submitted to the Department for review. The detailed programs that are developed and submitted to the Department for review may deviate from the program activities described below if necessary. The descriptions provided below are necessary for the Department to verify that the municipality's program activities comply with the permit.

Section I: Applicant Information

Name of Municipality

Eau Claire County

Mailing Address

227 1st St West

City

Altoona

State

WI

Postal Code

54720

County(s) in which Applicant is located

Eau Claire

Type of Municipality: (check one)

☒ County ☐ City ☐ Village ☐ Town ☐ Other (specify)

Section II: Local Contact Information (check one):

Name of Municipal Contact Person

Jean Schomisch

Title

Land Conservation Supervisor

Mailing Address

Land Conservation/ 227 1st St West

City

Altoona

State

WI

Postal Code

54720

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Telephone Number (include area code)

715.839.4788

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715.839.6277

Section III: Water Quality Concerns

Yes	No	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Does any part of the MS4 discharge to an outstanding resource water (ORW) or exceptional resource water (ERW) listed under s. NR 102.10 or 102.11, Wis. Adm. Code? (An unofficial list of ORWs and ERWs may be found on the Department's Internet site at: http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/wm/wqs/)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Does any part of the MS4 discharge to an impaired waterbody listed in accordance with section 303(d)(1) of the federal Clean Water Act, 33 USC § 1313(d)(1)(C)? (A list of Wisconsin impaired waterbodies may be found on the Department's Internet site at: http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/wm/wqs/303d/303d.html)

Section IV: Area and Population Within the MS4

Yes	No	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is the MS4 within an "Urbanized Area" as defined by U.S. EPA? (See http://www.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/fact2-2.pdf)

If no, skip the rest of this section and continue to Section V. If yes, estimate the area served by and the population within the MS4 in an Urbanized Area (UA).

(Urbanized Area maps are available on the EPA web site at: <http://cfpub1.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater/urbanmaps.cfm>)

Total municipal area (in square miles): 655	Total municipal population (in year 2000): 93,142
MS4 service area within Urbanized Area (in square miles): 18.8 including cities	Municipal population within Urbanized Area (in year 2000): 71,856 including cities

Section V: Potential Permit Exemption

Yes	No	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Section NR 216.023, Wis. Adm. Code, allows certain MS4s that have less than 1000 people residing in an urbanized area to be waived from having to obtain municipal storm water permit coverage.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do you believe that the MS4 may be eligible for this potential exemption?

Section VI: Summary of Municipal Storm Water Program Activities

Describe the programs or activities the municipality is doing or will do to comply with the requirements of the MS4 general permit. Attach additional pages if necessary.

A. Public Education and Outreach

Describe the public education and outreach program activities that the municipality will implement to comply with section 2.1 of the MS4 general permit.

Provide UWEX-DNR Lawn Care & the Environment publications; provide materials on recycling and brush sites; use local media (WAXX radio, Leader Telegram, etc) to inform the public; continue county website information; keep the Adopt-A-Highway program active; provide displays at local events (Earth Day, Environmental Days, etc.)

B. Public Involvement and Participation

Describe the public involvement and participation program activities that the municipality will promote to comply with section 2.2 of the MS4 general permit.

Continue Demonstration sites on composting and rain gardens - offer tours and educational events for the public to participate in; comply with Public Notice and Open Meeting laws; notify by mail all adjacent landowners within 600' of stormwater conditional use permits; provide personal letters to affected residents per Federal Highway Aids; make personal contact during construction

C. Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination

Describe the illicit discharge detection and elimination program authority and activities that the municipality will develop and implement to comply with section 2.3 of the MS4 general permit.

County staff review/approve/inspect/monitor stormwater plans and erosion control for residential and commercial sites. City/County Hazardous Materials team is fully trained to respond to spills and provide education to prevent illicit discharges; County prosecutes illegal dumping/discharges and responds to all complaints received regarding stormwater run-off, erosion from construction sites, or illegal dumps. Illicit discharges are watched for during the annual road inspection performed by the County Highway staff.

D. Construction Site Pollution Control

Describe the construction site pollutant control program authority and activities that the municipality will develop and implement to comply with section 2.4 of the MS4 general permit.

Eau Claire County enforces the Uniform Dwelling Code for new 1 and 2 family dwellings which includes erosion control. We enforce conditional use permits for stormwater and erosion control in new subdivisions and on commercial sites. We hold an annual new home building seminar each March. The County provides review/approval/inspection/enforcement for the towns of Union, Brunswick, Pleasant Valley, and Washington in the urbanized area. Our County Code Ordinance will be updated under our Stormwater section and be consistent with NR 152.

E. Post-Construction Site Storm Water Management

Describe the post-construction storm water management program authority and activities that the municipality will develop and implement to comply with section 2.5 of the MS4 general permit.

We are currently working on a draft of a Stormwater and Erosion Control Ordinance that is consistent with NR 152 which will update our current county code. We will continue to review and inspect stormwater and erosion control practices on residential/commercial sites and enforce the practices. We have completed a storm water management plan meeting effluent goals. This plan was provided by SEH Engineering firm of Chippewa Falls.

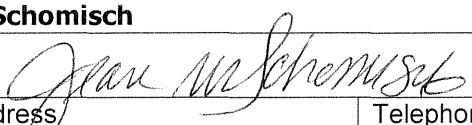
F. Pollution Prevention

Describe the pollution prevention program activities that the municipality will implement to comply with section 2.6 of the MS4 general permit.

County highway crews inspect culverts, bridges, etc as part of the county's storm water system annually. Crews mowing grass check the outlets during the summer. Salt/sand are stored in compliance with state regulations. Street sweeping is performed in spring and late summer. County maintains an active recycling program which includes brush disposal and grass clipping/leaf drop-off information.

Section VII: Certification

Certification: I hereby certify that I am an authorized representative of the municipality that is the subject of this application for general permit coverage, and that the information provided is true and complete, to the best of my knowledge. I understand that Wisconsin law provides severe penalties for submitting false information.

Authorized Representative Name Jean M. Schomisch		Title Land Conservation Supervisor
Signature 		Date Signed <i>5/26/06</i>
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